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Dear *Friends,*

At Mountain Empire Community College, we believe leadership is not defined by size or location. It's defined by impact. And this year, more than ever, we've seen how MECC leads from the heart of Southwest Virginia. Our Foundation's investments have empowered students, strengthened families, and revitalized communities. Whether through scholarships that remove financial barriers, emergency funds that keep students enrolled, or cultural programming that enriches lives, your support fosters a culture of care and opportunity that radiates far beyond our campus.

As we reflect on another transformative year at Mountain Empire Community College, I am filled with gratitude for the profound impact our Foundation has made, not only within our campus walls, but across the communities we serve.

In 2025, the MECC Foundation's investments have reached deeper than ever before. From scholarships that open doors for first-generation college students, to emergency funds that help learners stay on track during life's unexpected turns, your support has been the catalyst for real change. These investments have empowered hundreds of students to pursue credentials that lead to meaningful careers, and they've strengthened our region's workforce in ways that will echo for generations.

This year, we celebrated 573 graduates earning 943 credentials, surpassing our goals and reaffirming our commitment to the Accelerate 2030 initiative. These achievements are not just numbers; they represent lives changed, families uplifted, and communities revitalized.

Yet, we lead in a time of complexity. The implementation of College and Career Ready Virginia legislation, without funding, has introduced significant challenges for dual enrollment programs statewide. MECC, where dual enrollment comprises over a third of our total enrollment, has felt this shift acutely. Changes in cost structures, delivery formats, and legislative interpretation have created uncertainty for our students and K-12 partners. While we remain committed to providing early college access, we must navigate these changes with care and advocacy.

Additionally, MECC continues to lead in technical and applied programs, fields that are vital to our region's economic future. However, the absence of differential funding for these high-cost programs places a strain on our ability to deliver them equitably. Unlike academic transfer courses, technical programs often require specialized equipment, facilities, and instructional support. We are working diligently to ensure these programs remain accessible, but systemic funding reform is essential.

As we look ahead, we remain focused on our promise: to make post-secondary education accessible, affordable, and transformative for every learner in our region. Your continued support makes this promise possible.

Thank you for investing in MECC, in our students, and in the future of Southwest Virginia. Together, we are building a legacy of opportunity, resilience, and hope.

Best Wishes,
Kristen Westover



This year has been marked by progress and innovation, from rebranding efforts to infrastructure enhancements designed to enhance the MECC experience and expand our impact.



Mountain Empire Community College Named One of America's Top Vocational Schools

MECC was named one of the top 250 vocational schools in the nation in 2025 by USA TODAY and Statista. The ranking is based on the college's graduation rates, graduate salaries, affordability, social mobility, and diversity. Only two community colleges in Virginia were recognized.

Data on school performance was collected by Statista through publicly available federal databases. The schools were ranked on a star system and excluded if they were unaccredited, failed specific financial responsibility metrics, or had a high percentage of graduates defaulting on their student loans.

MECC offers a number of trade/vocational programs in program areas such as technology, advanced manufacturing, health science, and public safety fields. Career studies certificates, certificates, and associate degrees in trade fields are developed based on the needs of local employers and often result in students earning nationally recognized credentials or state licenses in their field of study.

MECC is proud to serve our students and community with programs that help students live, work, and remain in Southwest Virginia, contributing to the economic vitality of the region.



One of the Top 200 U.S. Community Colleges in 2025 as Named by The Aspen Institute.

The Aspen Institute named MECC as one of the 200 institutions eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's premier recognition of high achievement and performance among two-year colleges. The 200 colleges were selected based on their student outcomes data, including retention, completion, transfer, and bachelor's attainment rates.

MECC President Kristen Westover stated, "Mountain Empire Community College is deeply honored to be recognized by the Aspen Institute as one of the top 200 community colleges in the nation. This distinction affirms the hard work of our faculty and staff, and the success of our students. We are proud that our commitment to strong student outcomes, both during their time at MECC and after graduation, has earned this national recognition."

Together, these 200 colleges represent the breadth and diversity of the community college sector. They are located in urban, rural, and suburban areas across the country, and serve anywhere from a few hundred students to tens of thousands. Some of these colleges focus primarily on workforce programs, while others focus on transfer and bachelor's attainment or a combination of the two.

"The Aspen Prize rewards colleges that achieve the kind of outcomes that actually matter to students—completing college degree programs that, in turn, lead to lifelong success," said Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. "Aspen Prize winners offer a powerful message: Community colleges can deliver the kind of life-changing education that makes the American Dream real."

The Mountain Empire Community College (MECC) Foundation is proud to announce the receipt of a \$1 million grant from the Anne & Gene Worrell Foundation. This transformative gift will support the creation of an Honors College Program and fund a new retention specialist position for MECC's Promise Program.

Mountain Empire Community College Foundation Receives \$1 Million Grant from the Anne & Gene Worrell Foundation

This generous contribution will enable MECC to offer high-achieving students from its service region—including Dickenson, Lee, Scott, and Wise counties, as well as the city of Norton—access to enriched academic experiences and personalized support. The Honors Program will emphasize academic excellence, global and domestic travel opportunities, and financial assistance, all under the guidance of dedicated faculty leadership.

The funding will support four key components of the Honors Program:

- **International and Domestic Travel Experiences**
- **Student Scholarships**
- **Faculty Support, Including Stipends for an Honors Program Coordinator and Faculty Mentors**
- **Research Projects and Symposium Participation**

In addition, the grant will fund the hiring of a retention specialist to support students in the MECC Promise Program. This specialist will provide individualized mentoring and connect students with essential campus resources such as tutoring, advising, financial aid, and technology support.

"This initiative will not only elevate the academic experience for our students but also strengthen our commitment to student success and retention," said Dr. Clint Pinion, vice president of Academic and Workforce Solutions. **"We are deeply grateful to the Anne & Gene Worrell Foundation for their investment in the future of our students and our region."**

MECC serves a diverse student population, including many first-generation college students and individuals from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The Honors Program will be built on four pillars—character, leadership, scholarship, and service—providing students with high-impact learning experiences and exposure to cultural and professional contexts beyond the Appalachian region.

The establishment of an Honors Program and the addition of a retention specialist mark a significant step forward in MECC's mission to provide transformative educational opportunities. With the support of the Anne & Gene Worrell Foundation, MECC is poised to become a regional leader in honors education and student success.

"On behalf of our Board of Directors, we are proud to partner with MECC in support of the Promise Program because it will provide students with the tools and resources needed to reach their full potential," said Holly Hatcher, president & CEO of the Anne & Gene Worrell Foundation. "We strive to honor the legacy of Anne and Gene Worrell by creating educational opportunities to increase employment and economic mobility. We believe that this program is making a lasting impact, not only on the students, but on MECC's entire service region in Southwest Virginia."

The Anne & Gene Worrell Foundation is committed to supporting initiatives and organizations that align with its mission to cultivate resilient communities and ecosystems in the places the Worrells called home. The Foundation focuses its grantmaking in specific Virginia counties in Greater Charlottesville, Far Southwest Virginia, and Surry County. Grantmaking focus areas include economic mobility and well-being, preserving natural assets, and family legacy initiatives. To learn more, visit agworrellfoundation.org

The MECC Foundation is a nonprofit, educational foundation that supports the mission of Mountain Empire Community College. Mountain Empire Community College's mission is to provide our region with accessible, quality higher education, workforce training, and community programs to ensure an educated population and globally competitive workforce.

For more information or to make a gift, visit www.meccfoundation.org.



MECC Foundation Receives ARC Grant to Launch Project SOAR

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) has awarded the Mountain Empire Community College Foundation a \$491,548 ARC Inspire Grant to support a workforce development initiative known as Project Southwest Virginia Opioid Abuse Recovery (SOAR).

“Project SOAR is committed to helping those impacted by substance use disorder. This ARC grant for nearly \$500,000 helps Mountain Empire Community College administer Project SOAR, support those impacted by substance use disorder, and train prospective candidates for careers in a skilled trade,” announced U.S. Congressman Morgan Griffith (R-VA).

Participants will receive hands-on training in fields such as carpentry, welding, electrical, and plumbing. Project SOAR is an expansion of Project Amelioration, which began as a pilot project to provide trades training

to individuals in recovery. Project SOAR will specifically target individuals that are in recovery at the Wise Correctional Unit in Coeburn, as well as newly opened recovery centers in Lee and Dickenson counties.

A total of 180 participants impacted by substance use disorder will be prepared for careers in skilled trades and other in-demand occupations across Southwest Virginia, namely Dickenson, Lee, Scott, and Wise counties.

Funding for this project is provided through ARC’s Investments Supporting Partnerships in Recovery Ecosystems (INSPIRE) Initiative.



MECC CONTRIBUTES TO INCREASE IN Industry-Recognized Licenses and Certifications

Mountain Empire Community College continues to play a vital role in strengthening Virginia's workforce and addressing critical employment gaps. Governor Glenn Youngkin recently announced a significant rise in the number of Virginians earning industry-recognized licenses and certifications—a 10% year-over-year increase across the commonwealth and nearly double the application volume handled a decade ago.

Through innovative training programs, strong industry partnerships, and a deep commitment to student success, the College has created direct pathways from education to employment. MECC awarded 501 high-demand credentials during the 2023-2024 academic year, supporting key industries like construction, engineering, healthcare, manufacturing, and technology.

"At Mountain Empire Community College, I see every day how industry-recognized credentials change lives. Each new license or certification means one more student ready for a good job, one more employer finding the talent they need, and one more step toward a stronger economy in Southwest Virginia," said MECC President Kristen Westover. "I am proud to work alongside our sister colleges and industry partners to expand opportunity and meet the demand for middle-skill talent across the commonwealth."

These programs not only prepare individuals for high-demand careers, they are driving regional development, supporting businesses with a skilled talent pipeline, and helping communities thrive. Their collective impact reflects the power of community-based education in building a stronger, more resilient workforce for today and the future.

- **Programs such as Practical Nursing (LPN), Nursing (RN), and Phlebotomy, have seen success rates (greater than a 97% pass rate) on licensure exams.**
- **Four new programs (i.e., Machine Operator I, II, and III and Community Health Worker) have been created to meet the growing demand for manufacturing and healthcare program graduates.**





MECC Dental Assisting Program Provides

Free

Dental Care to Local Students

Mountain Empire Community College’s Dental Assisting Program provided essential oral health services and education to local children through two major outreach events.

MECC Dental Assisting students visited Norton Elementary Middle School to celebrate National Children’s Dental Health Month. Students read oral health-themed books to each class and engaged children in hands-on learning, allowing them to practice toothbrushing skills on puppets. Thanks to the generous support of the MECC/Slomp Foundation Mini Grant Program, each first-grade student received a free hygiene bag to take home. This marks the third consecutive year MECC has partnered with Norton Elementary Middle School to promote oral health awareness.

The MECC Dental Assisting Program also sponsored a Give Kids a Smile (GKAS) Day at Wise Primary School. In collaboration with clinical volunteers from Appalachian Highlands Community Dental Center, the event provided free dental exams and fluoride treatments to participating pre-K through second grade students.

In total, the services, care, and products provided during GKAS Day were valued at an estimated \$48,681. Additionally, every child and staff member at Wise Primary School received a free dental hygiene bag.

Dr. Emily Bowen, MECC’s Dental Assisting program director, emphasized the importance of the event:

“Give Kids A Smile Day launched in the U.S. over 20 years ago, but to our knowledge, MECC’s program is the first officially sanctioned GKAS event in Southwest Virginia. We started with Wise Primary pre-K students last year, and we more than doubled our outreach within the school this year. This is particularly important in Central Appalachia where there is a dramatic dental shortage, and some kids may not get annual exams. While it is a small drop in the bucket, our hope is that clinical screenings and educational initiatives like GKAS will encourage healthy habits in these children for years to come. As they launch their careers, events like this also benefit our college students who can see the need for public health and patient literacy firsthand.”

For more information about MECC’s Dental Assisting Program, contact Dr. Emily Bowen, ebowen@mecc.edu

MECC AMPHITHEATER PROJECT PROGRESSES

The Mountain Empire Community College (MECC) Foundation is pleased to announce significant progress on the MECC Amphitheater Project, following a recent design review and planning session. The project team has refined the scope to align with a maximum construction budget of \$5 million, focusing on essential features to ensure a functional and welcoming outdoor performance space.

The project, announced in 2022, has received support from the Slomp Foundation and the Rapha Foundation, as well as private donors, and was the recipient of a grant from Opportunity Appalachia for preliminary engineering and design work.

The design team has scaled back the original concept to prioritize “must-have” elements. A revised site layout, presented by Roanoke-based architectural and

engineering firm Hurt & Proffitt, will provide a 2,000+ seating facility at the preferred selected site location, outside of Phillips Taylor Hall. The selected layout includes a restroom facility, a tiered seating area, and a stage to meet the needs of the College’s graduation ceremony and outdoor music performances. A pedestrian path connecting the amphitheater to the existing campus parking near Godwin Hall is under consideration. The path will be ADA accessible.

The design team is working with the Virginia Community College System to approve Phase I of the design plans. Estimated completion date, if the project is approved and funded, will be late 2027.



For more information, or to contribute to this project, contact Dr. Amy Greear, MECC Foundation executive director, at 276-523-7466 or visit www.meccfoundation.org/give.

Hosted by the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education (VFCCE), more than two dozen individuals, families, and organizations were honored with the Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy. The awards were presented at a luncheon ceremony in Richmond on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. VCCS Chancellor Dr. David Doré served as the emcee, and Mr. Mark Hourigan, founder and CEO of Hourigan, delivered the keynote address.

Mr. Stiles established the Shirley Lane Stiles Memorial Nursing Scholarship to honor his late wife. The scholarship was designed to remove the financial barriers for aspiring nursing students that his wife encountered as a young girl growing up in Southwest

J.C. "Clay" Stiles Named 2025 Chancellor's Leadership in Philanthropy Award



Mr. J.C. "Clay" Stiles III, of Bumpass, Virginia, has received the 19th annual Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy. He was nominated for the award by Mountain Empire Community College for his efforts to endow the Shirley Lane Stiles Memorial Nursing Scholarship.

Virginia. Mr. Stiles encourages each recipient of the Shirley Lane Stiles Memorial Nursing Scholarship to work hard, and provides them with the tools to succeed in their career and educational goals.

"Clay established the Shirley Lane Stiles Memorial Nursing Scholarship following the loss of his wife to cancer in 2005," said MECC President Kristen Westover. "Since that time, he has not only made a tremendous contribution to financially assisting future nurses, but he has personally invested his time and energy to building personal relationships with each scholarship recipient to encourage their success. His commitment to honoring his late wife, Shirley, by benefiting students is an enduring legacy of love and respect."

THE MECC FOUNDATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE CREATION OF THE Teresa K. Lovell Annual Scholarship FOR NURSING STUDENTS ENROLLED AT MECC

The Teresa K. Lovell Memorial Scholarship was established by her family in honor of Teresa's enduring legacy as a devoted mother and grandmother. Teresa passed away in 2024 following a courageous and lengthy battle with health challenges. Originally from Big Stone Gap, she was raised by a single mother alongside 10 siblings after losing her father in a mining accident early in her life. These early hardships instilled in Teresa a strong work ethic and a deep commitment to family.

Teresa left home at a young age and married early, seeking an escape from poverty. Unfortunately, her marriage prevented her from completing her high school education. She became a single parent to two sons and initially worked in retail, dedicating countless hours to provide for her family. Recognizing the value of education, Teresa pursued her GED and obtained her diploma, humorously noting that she graduated around the same time as her sons.



After her eldest son graduated, Teresa enrolled at Mountain Empire Community College (MECC), where she completed several courses. It was during this time that she began her career in caregiving by taking a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) course alongside her son. Her passion for caring for others, particularly the elderly and sick, was evident throughout her life, including her years as a primary caregiver for her ill mother.


The Teresa K. Lovell Memorial Scholarship is established to honor her determination, resilience, and loving spirit. It aims to assist local students who are single parents or are being raised by single parents pursuing a career in nursing. Teresa often remarked, "Everyone needs to be loved," which is reflected in the capitalized "LOVE" in the scholarship's name. This scholarship represents both her legacy and her family's hope to support future caregivers who embody her values of compassion and dedication.

For more information on this scholarship or creating a memorial scholarship legacy, please call (276) 523-7466 or contact:

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The MECC Foundation hosted New York Times best-selling author Jeannette Walls for the 49th annual John Fox, Jr. Literary Festival. Walls, who is originally from Phoenix and grew up moving around the country with her family, is the bestselling author of *The Glass Castle*, a memoir that recounts her dysfunctional and nomadic upbringing.

49TH ANNUAL JOHN FOX JR. FESTIVAL Features New York Times Best-Selling Author Jeannette Walls

Walls's inspirational program, presented to a full audience at the MECC Goodloe Center, focused on her childhood growing up in Welch, West Virginia, in poverty. Walls also met one-on-one with students in J.I. Burton's English classes, where she encouraged students to follow their dreams and to overcome whatever circumstances they may face.

Following the presentation, the MECC Foundation hosted a sold-out luncheon at the John Fox Jr. Home in Big Stone Gap.

Walls's *The Glass Castle* was a New York Times bestseller for over eight years and was named one of the top 10 books of the decade by Amazon. In 2017, *The Glass Castle* was made into a movie starring Brie Larson, Woody Harrelson, and Naomi Watts. Walls is also the author of

two other New York Times bestsellers, *The Silver Star* and *Half Broke Horses*, which was named one of the best books of 2009 by the New York Times Book Review. Walls was the recipient of the Christopher Award, the Books for Better Living Award, and the American Library Association's Alex Award. Her newest book, *Hang The Moon*, was published in March 2023 and was named a LibraryReads Pick for March 2023 and a Most Anticipated Book of 2023 by Oprah Daily, Elle, and LitHub.

The John Fox Jr. Festival is made possible through generous donations to the MECC Foundation Cultural and Humanities Fund. In addition to the Fox Festival, the fund supports music and cultural programming for the Home Craft Days Festival, Mountain Music School, and other college events.

Robinette Leads Revival of Local Artists Featured in Slemp Gallery



MECC's Slemp Gallery has served as the forefront of an artistic revolution within the last two years, thanks to the efforts of local artist and gallery curator Teresa Robinette.



My job as a curator is to provide visual interest, educational possibilities, preservation of subjects and items, and to give the artists a fresh way to tell their stories. Art is life.



Thanks to the generosity of donors to the MECC Foundation's Cultural and Humanities Fund, Teresa Robinette was contracted by the MECC Foundation in 2023 to organize exhibits for the gallery space. Robinette, a native of Norton who is nationally recognized for her painting and printmaking skills, assisted with the revitalization of the space, making it her mission to highlight local talent. She coordinates five exhibits annually that feature a variety of mediums to include painting, print, photography, plein air, fabric arts, shadow box, and more. Artists Jeff Chapman Crane, Suzanne Stryke, Carol Dixon, Ron Flanary, and Bill Harris are among the many regional artists that have been featured.

"The renovated Slemp Gallery offers an intimate space for exhibits," said Robinette. "It forces the library visitor to be part of the artists' experience and narrative. My goal as a curator is to conjure installations that challenge the busy viewer to pause and reflect, if only for a long breath. To have a human being stop, even if briefly, and stare with wonder at an image of beauty or intrigue is a powerful tool."

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"My beginnings were here in these mountains," Robinette explains. "During my youth, the school system didn't offer an art teacher. When I began to show artistic ability, the staff and teachers of Norton made a plan for me to attend Mountain Empire Community College and study art. My high school years included three nights a week that I traveled to the college and enrolled in all the art classes. The tuition, transportation, and my supplies were provided for me. I remember holding my first piece of charcoal, and my first sketch book. From there, Betty Gilliam from Clinch Valley College became my mentor, and from all that, I left here at 17 to attend Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts.

Robinette spent her adult life away from Southwest Virginia, but returned to care for her family. She has spent over four decades studying and working in the arts.

"My career includes education in Europe to learn the process of conservation and appraisal. My work and certification expands into specialties such as German expressionism. Working in the arts requires flexibility, and adapting talents into business and profitability. Interior design, production manager for advertising, conservation and contract appraisal for auction houses, gallery management and investment, and throughout these decades I have painted. My art is my legacy, pieces of a life scattered about on the walls of the world.

I returned to these mountains to care for family. I remain in these mountains to finish my final painting project. It's the story of this place and people that I create with brush and colors made from the natural elements of this place.

I am reminded when I pick up charcoal that I must return that investment that was made in me so long ago. Mountain Empire Community College is full circle in my life, and the work I do here is to bring art and the creative experience to as many people as possible. It takes a village to raise a child; it takes a community to create an artist."

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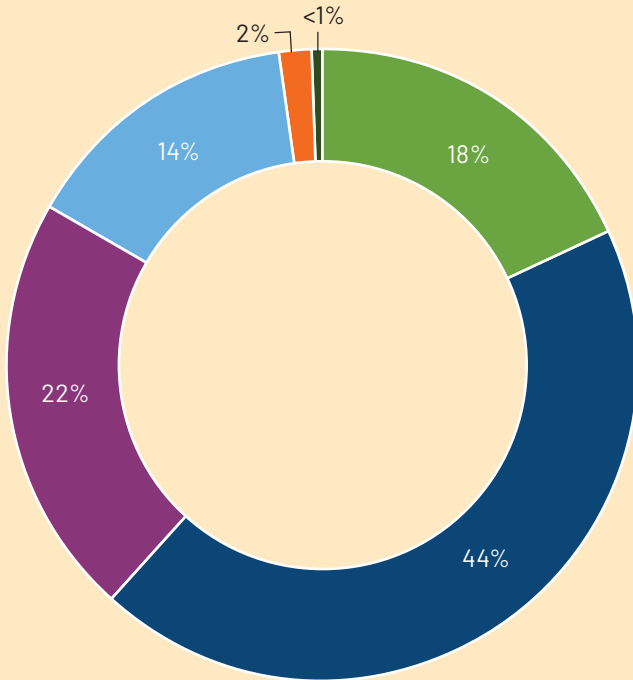
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Brownie E. Polly III
Adam Ramsey
Rappahannock Community College
Educational Foundation
Laura Raschke
Nathan Rasnake
Roger Read
Angelia B. Reynolds
Otis Rhoton
Judy Riggs
Ray Robbins
Karen N. Roberson
Christine Roberts
Paul Rowe
Roy A. Green Funeral Home

Robert H. Sandel
Kyle Scanlan
Rebecca Scott
Karen Sexton
Brian Shortridge
Glen A. Skinner
Southside VA Community
College Foundation
Stacey's Auto Advantage
Kevin Stanley
Freda Starnes
Sullivan West Volunteer Fire Dept.
SW Local General Disbursement
Donnie Tate
Hal Taylor
Kristi Taylor
Ralph Tankersley
The Birthplace of Country Music
The Blackburn Giving Fund
The Lane Group, Inc.
The Sessions Hotel
Tidewater Community College
Educational Foundation

Earl Underwood
Union High School
Michael Vann
Virginia Highlands Community
College
Virginia Peninsula Community College
EDU Fund
Virginia Western Community College
John W. Watson Jr.
Elaine Wells
Sherry T. Whitaker
Lincoln Wilkins
Letitia Williams
John Wilson
Keith Wilson
Margaret S. Wilson
Bradley Woods
Paxton Wright
Wytheville Community College
Sandy Yun
Savannah Zetino
Barbara Zollman



MECC Foundation Financial Report



2025 MECC FOUNDATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Foundation Operations	\$435,000
Scholarships	\$1,035,781
College Infrastructure Support	\$513,000
Student Programming and Support	\$343,154
Cultural and Humanities Student and Community Programs	\$37,845
MECC Faculty and Staff Professional Development	\$11,000
TOTAL	\$2,375,780

ENDOWMENT GROWTH

2021	\$33,961,972
2022	\$29,810,240
2023	\$34,873,568
2024	\$39,398,554

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

**Buccaneer Fund BSG59
Endowed Scholarship**
**Susi Cassell Memorial
Endowed Scholarship**
**Vivian O. Harris
Memorial Annual Scholarship**

**Paula Sue Isaac
Endowed Scholarship**
**Teresa K. Lovell Memorial
Annual Scholarship**
**Anne and Katherine Riggs
Memorial Endowed Scholarship**





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